

## FROM THE FIELD.

## The Fair View Communion.

At the solicitation of Brother Tombaugh, I accompanied him to Fair View, Fayette Co., Ohio, to attend their communion on Saturday evening, Oct. 13. We left Ashland in the morning, went via Columbus to Washington C. H. At Columbus we had to wait four hours for the train, and here Bro. Tombaugh and I started to hunt up some friends. I started to hunt Bro. Horne and his family, whom I soon succeeded in finding. Bro. Horne did not come home for dinner however, and I did not get to see him, but sister Horne and the younger children were at home, and I made a short, but very pleasant visit at their home. Bro. Tombaugh had written to Bro. Horne's about the communion at Fair View, as that is the nearest Brethren church they have; inviting them to accompany us to the communion. Bro. Horne was unable to go, but sister Horne accompanied us, and seemed to enjoy the communion much, as this was the first one she ever attended in the Brethren church. We were a little late arriving at the church, but soon the house was comfortably filled with members and expectators, and it was one of the most pleasant communion seasons we were ever permitted to enjoy. The evening was not altogether a pleasant one, the weather threatening rain, which caused some of the older members to remain at home. There was preaching also on Sunday morning and evening. On Sunday morning after services Bro. Tombaugh baptized a sister who had decided to cast her lot with the people of God. The dear sister is entirely deaf, and at one time was nearly blind. How consoling to know, that Jesus came into the world to heal all our infirmities, and to prepare us for that world that knows none of our earthly afflictions or sorrows.

On Monday morning we started for home, and a few incidents caused us to seriously meditate. First, sister Horne left her ticket lay in the depot, and did not miss it until the conductor came around. I wonder how many of us are rapidly passing down life's stream and have forgotten our tickets, and are traveling without a passport. Through the generosity of the conductor sister Horne had no difficulty in getting through all right. Soon our train rolled into Dayton, where we expected to change cars for Ashland, and as we were entering the depot our train for Ashland was pulling out, and we were "left." I wonder how many are riding along in chariots of pleasure over the broad way of sin, and who expect to change cars, but who may find as did Bro. Tombaugh and I, that one minute too late caused us a delay of twelve hours. So may those who are wasting their time, find when too late, that they missed the train, and they are lost. We arrived in Ashland at 2:30 a. m. and I started to walk home amidst the darkness, five miles distant, where I arrived at 4 o'clock, tired and muddy with but one incident to make an impression upon my mind, and that was when I fell plump upon my knees into the mud, and I thought the proper thing to do

was to be thankful it was no worse. I also was made to remember the remarks of Bro. McFadden, that we should do much knee service, and the condition of my clothes when daylight appeared showed that some kind of knee service had been done.

ISAAC KILHEFNER.

## College of St. James.

After a long silence I thought I would write again for the EVANGELIST. Many of my friends are anxious to know what has become of me. Why don't you write for the EVANGELIST? etc., has been asked. Some though, perhaps, I had run off, others thought perhaps I had died spiritually, and many other thoughts have been expressed that would be too tedious to mention. And in order to somewhat quiet their minds I thought I had better write and give an account of myself.

Now in order to quiet your minds in regard to my whereabouts, let me say first that for six weeks I was in my old neighborhood in Virginia, about one hundred and ninety miles from here, busily engaged in worldly business, scratching and raking in order to get out of debt, hence did not have time to write, preach or do anything else, but attend to the business I was engaged in. This accounts for six weeks' silence. After returning to Maryland had a large pile of private letters to answer, and other important work kept me as busy as a bee for two more weeks.

About the time I began to think I could see a little daylight I received a pressing letter from a Conservative elder insisting upon me to come at once and preach for him. So as an obedient servant I hastily hitched up my horse, bid wife and little ones farewell, cracked my whip and the wheels rolled away towards Williamson, Pa., about 25 miles from College of St. James, through mud and rain and storm I wended my way. Arrived at Bro. Adam Phiel's about sundown on the 18th of September. Had no services said evening. On the following evening we opened up fire in a beautiful grove, beautifully lit up by torch lamps. Preached every night, rain or shine for three weeks, when it would rain or get too cold in the woods, we would pack them in the school house near the grove. When the Lord began to work the devil began to work, and the harder the Lord worked the harder the devil worked, but we gained a grand victory. Doubtless by his lying and slandering he cheated us out of a few, but praise the Lord we captured fifty; forty by baptism and ten by relation, and two applicants, and I believe more to follow. Many told us they expected to come in the near future. They want to see first if Christ and the Apostles knew what they were talking about when they told us that the gospel was sufficient for our salvation. They always thought it needed a supplement to make it complete. Hope they will see their folly soon. After preaching three weeks we organized on the evening of the fourth of October. All but two were present at the organization. Some had ten or twelve miles to come, but they all came to help organize. They unanimously accepted Bro. Phiel as their Elder.

They also elected Bro. Abraham Shorts to the ministry. He had been for years a worker in the United Brethren church. He is a spiritual, intelligent, and honest man, and has the qualifications for a preacher. Hope he will go to work immediately. We also elected Bro. Jacob Foots to the office of deacon. He is a noble young man. We believe he has every qualification. We also organized a prayer meeting, all the brethren and sisters we believe will take part.

On Friday evening the 5th, we had one of the best communion meetings I ever attended. Even up fifty communed.

We had a lovely communion, though it was held in a large basement, the best of order prevailed. It was a quiet, solemn and yet happy meeting, but oh how sad after the close of the meeting when I gave fifty farewell and we had to part to meet no more, perhaps on this earth, but I tried to console myself and drive away the tears with the hope of meeting them once more on the evergreen shore where parting will be known no more.

On Saturday the 6th, I started toward home, but did not arrive until yesterday the 10th, and today I am penning these lines, so I did not run off, neither was I asleep, or spiritually dead, but have been hard at work. I am a little weak physically, but spiritually I feel better than I ever did in all my life.

I think we need more spirituality in all our churches. I don't know of any one thing more needful in all denominations than spirituality. And as we claim to be reformers let us cultivate and urge upon all our members to cultivate spirituality. Let us all be sure we have Christ in our hearts. Then we will talk Christ, preach Christ, and pray Christ more. O what a great work we could do for Christ if we would just go to work and do it. May the Lord help us to do all we can.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

## North Manchester Items.

The Lutheran Synod of Northern Indiana was in session here last week with quite a large attendance of ministers. They are unusually interested in their work.

One of the leading topics, and perhaps the foremost in importance before the Synod, was that of Home Missions. A special effort was made to bring the question thoroughly before their people both in method and practice. They had their strongest minds and practitioners in the lead. Their call for money for the extension of their Home Missions this year by the General Synod, is \$35,000. This they say "is wholly inadequate for the doing of our share of this great work." They say, further, "that if we are to do our duty, as a church, to our own scattered and needy people, and to our country and the world, and meet our responsibility to God, we must labor and pray for more consecration and enlarged liberality." To this they add that "more information among the people, more system in making collections, and a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost, would swell our regular contributions, multiply and enlarge our special gifts and greatly increase the number and amount of our legacies."

May we, as a people, not receive encouragement from our sister denomination in Home Mission work? I feel so. It helped me when I heard it; it helps me now. I write this now for the encouragement of my brethren in the work of Home Missions and especially in Indiana, since we have taken steps at our conference to extend work of this kind. Our success in this work will not depend on what we have done so much as on what we are doing and will do. We need a great deal of intelligence among us as a people, on the needs and results of mission work, therefore, it will necessarily throw much responsibility upon the pastors as teachers.

I noticed that in the Home Mission work of our Lutheran brethren, the women were playing a large part. In fact, if I mistake not, the highest tribute of mission success was given the Woman's Home Mission Board. While the Synod is in session as a body of men in this work, the women are also in their mission work. The programme was accordingly arranged.

May we not get a lesson of encouragement from this also? We have our S. S. C. E. now, which is our Woman's Home Mission Board in other words. It is intended to help the church in missions. Should we not feel encouraged because of it and in return encourage it much in its work? The amount of good work the sisters can do in this way for the church, it properly encouraged, is not felt by a good many of our good people now, and for that reason largely they oppose it. That feeling will all pass away however by and by.

The point which I want to make here most is this: Can not our S. S. C. E., as a state body, meet with the State Conference each year and forward their work? But now I seem to hear some good brother or sister in Pa. say we did that this year. Well, I at once acknowledge you ahead in this, but my question was to Indiana and other states like her in this.

Sisters of Indiana, can you not prepare yourselves to meet with the conference next year and more effectually organize and plan your work? I, for one, would like to see you help the Home Mission work along in this state. You could do so, and yet not change the primary object of the society, since a part of your funds is state and a part national. So much for this subject.

Bro. J. H. Swihart's motion given to me in this week's EVANGELIST to put before the churches of Indiana is now on my table. I am ready for a second. Do I hear one?

I have also before me a copy of Bro. Mason's new book, "The Gospel according to Jesus." The book speaks well for itself and its author. To have a just idea of the book, one must see it and read it. The author's style is easy, simple and forcible. He deals with facts in a very reasonable way. You cannot but admire his reasonableness. Those who have not time and opportunity to investigate the subjects treated by Bro. Mason will find a great deal of help in his book in a short, pointed form. We have nothing yet in our literature, that I have seen, equal to Bro. Mason's book in this respect. Another marked feature of the book

is the large print, making it easy for eyes. In short, I believe the book is worth its price to our people or any one interested in our faith.

W. C. PERRY.

## New Virginia, Iowa.

Thursday night, Oct. 18.—Began meetings here Sunday night. Have been preaching to full houses every evening since. At the close of services tonight extended the first invitation when two made the saving confession. Others appear deeply impressed and not withstanding the general political excitement, the general interest in our work is deepening. We plant and water and God gives the increase.

S. H. BASHOR.

## OUR CHURCH.

Services will be held at the College every Lord's day after this date.

Bro. W. J. H. Bauman visited brethren in Johnston Co., Missouri, on the 14th instant.

Eld. Josiah Keim is in Ashland on College business. The purpose is to keep the college.

Sister Mary Whitacre, of Plumville, Pa., writes that their communion will be the last of this month.

Be sure and read Bro. I. D. Bowman's letter, this week. A new church organized with even fifty members.

Dallas Center, Iowa, Oct. 14.—Today four precious souls came out on the Lord's side; two by relation, and two by baptism. Bro. S. H. Bashor will be here Oct. 27th to preach for us.—N. Flora.

Bro. J. C. Ewing informs us that he is now permanently located at Alexandria, Alabama. Those wanting Hymnodies should see his notice next week.

Bro. S. N. Clark, of Mason-town, Pa., writes that brethren are having prayer meeting on Thursday evening, and urges the brethren to attend. He points to the example of the sisters, as worthy of imitation by the brethren.

COMMUNION NOTICE.—The brethren of the Bethel Church will hold their communion on Saturday evening, Oct. 27th, 1888. Eld. P. J. Brown will be present and will preach from Thursday evening Oct. 25th, until Sunday evening. We extend a cordial invitation to all, especially the Brethren of the Mt. Zion church. Also, the brethren of the Mt. Zion Church will have their communion on Saturday evening, Nov. 3rd, 1888. Brethren of surrounding churches are invited to be present.—J. Allen Miller, pastor, Glenford, O.

So far from mission-work among Mohammedans being a forlorn hope, Dr. Bruce of Persia says he is acquainted with three Church of England clergymen who were Mohammedans, and one of them has already baptised fifty converts.

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